

# BCIT UPDATE

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## WELCOME BACK

Those of you who have been off campus during the summer will notice that a number of changes have been taking place as a result of the Ministry's review of our role and the new mandate we received on July 22.

While this is an exciting time for the institution as it grows into the provincial centre for advanced technology envisaged by the Ministry, it is also a time of change and uncertainty as programs come and go and the inevitable staffing alterations take place. It won't be easy and the changes are not over yet, but as members of the BCIT community hopefully we all share a common purpose that will help us through these times — that of creating a model institution that B.C. can be proud of.

We have now begun a review of all those areas that impact the success of our new mandate. We hope to complete this review by the end of September.

*Ray Murray*

### 1. Cost Study/Funding Mechanism

- Cost study and funding mechanism should be reviewed simultaneously by the same committee.
- Clayton McKinley, chairman
- Deadline for Cost Study/Funding Mechanism report September 22, 1988.
- Committee for review: Clayton McKinley (chairman), Len McNeely, Dave Hume (resource person), Ministry representatives (2), BCIT Board member (ex officio).
- Identify areas of concern with the Ministry and attempt to resolve.

### 2. Faculty Renewal

- D. Svetic, chairman
- Deadline for report September 16, 1988

### 3. Early Retirement

- J. Stockdale, chairman
- Deadline for report September 16, 1988

### 4. Advisory Committee Structure

- R. Murray, chairman
- Deadline for report September 25, 1988

### 5. Facilities Redevelopment

- W. Watkins, chairman
- Deadline for report September 16, 1988

### 6. New Programs/Services

- B. Gillespie, chairman
- Deadline for report September 12, 1988

### 7. Capital Budget

- C. McKinley, chairman
- Deadline for report September 22, 1988

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

### BRIAN GILLESPIE APPOINTED NEW V.P. EDUCATION

New V.P. Education, Brian Gillespie, is taking over the position during the second most challenging period of the Institute's history. He views the prospect with characteristic calmness, knowing there will be difficulties and changes ahead, but convinced that the new mandate is putting the Institute on the right track. "For me the most significant thing about the mandate is that it gives the Institute a sense of direction and clearly differentiates us from the colleges," he says.

"One of the biggest tasks facing us right now is to come to grips with all those things impacting the mandate by the end of September. On a day to day basis, I don't see there being any dramatic changes; all the program changes will probably occur next September during the 1989 fiscal year."

The liking and respect Gillespie has earned for the clear sighted, hard-working approach he employed during his tenure as Dean of the School of Health Sciences will aid him in his new job as he assesses priorities. Assessing new priorities as V.P., he says, will include looking at ways of building closer relationships with industry, reviewing the state of equipment and facilities in classrooms and labs, student recruitment on a province-wide basis, BCIT's role as a provincial institution and the structure and articulation of curriculum within BCIT.

This new phase of Gillespie's career, at age 43, coincides with his recent appointment as chairman of the Vancouver General Hospital board and his recent marriage. He is also deriving satisfaction these days from seeing the subject of his doctoral thesis — the development of an advanced diploma in Health Sciences for B.C. — put in place at BCIT and become very successful.

Born in Toronto, Gillespie obtained his Ph.D in Education from Nova University in Florida in 1983, his M.A. in Nuclear Physics from McMaster University, Ontario in 1969 and his B.Sc (Hons) from U.B.C. in 1968. He came to BCIT in 1976 from Vanier College in Montreal where he began as a physics teacher and rose in three years to principal of the Snowdon campus.

### PERSONNEL DIRECTOR TAKES UP NEW POSITION WITH MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Personnel Director Ron Bell will be leaving the Institute September 16 to take up a new position as Regional Development Officer, Mainland, S.W. Region, in the provincial ministry of Regional Development. Elwood Veitch is the Minister.

Labour Relations Manager, Jose Stockdale, has been appointed Acting Director of Personnel in the interim and Bell will be working with her on certain projects until his departure. He will also maintain a liaison with BCIT during the period of transition.

### NEW ACTING DEANS APPOINTED

Following recent changes to staffing on the academic side, two acting deans have been appointed to replace John Kyle, who resigned during the summer, and Brian Gillespie who has taken on the position of V.P. Education.

Filling the position of acting dean of Engineering Technology is Dave Chowdhury, an instructor in the Marketing Department. Chowdhury has a B.Sc in Math, a post graduate diploma in Aeronautical Engineering, an M.A. in Computer Science and a Ph.D in Management Information Systems. He has previously worked at IBM and B.C. Tel.

Lorne Fingarson, director of Business Part-time Studies, is acting dean of Business. Fingarson has a B.A. in Commerce and is an M.B.A. candidate. He has had seven years of teaching experience at BCIT and prior to joining the Institute in 1976 was president of a variety of small companies. He is active as an advisor to the I.W.A. and interior forest industries on job evaluation.

George Eisler, associate dean of Health Technologies, and Len McNeely continue as acting deans of the School of Health Sciences and School of Trades Training respectively.

The President has indicated that it is anticipated that all dean positions will be permanently filled early in the new year.

### MORVEN WILSON RESIGNS

Computer Resources director Morven Wilson has resigned from the Institute and will be taking up a new position as director of Ryerson's computer facilities later this fall.

In the meantime, V.P. Education Brian Gillespie says he will be looking at the administrative organization of Computer Resources and Computer

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Systems to see if they should be administered separately. Morven Wilson has administered them both, as director of Computer Resources and Associate dean of Computer Systems, the BCIT technology program.

Gillespie anticipates that two acting department heads will be appointed in the interim.

## BOARD COMMITTEES REVISED

While the Institute undergoes change as it grows into its new role, the Board of Governors has also been reviewing its functions. Under new Board chairman, Ed Taylor, the governors recently revised the standing committee structure to include new members, improve efficiency and reflect new priorities.

Apart from the Executive Committee which sets the agenda for Board meetings and generally looks after internal Board-related issues, Board committees review policy relating to their specific areas of responsibility and make recommendations to the Board. The College Liaison Committee has been newly established to reflect BCIT's growing relationships with other post secondary institutions and to provide liaison at the Board level. Membership on Board committees is now as follows:

**Executive Committee:** Wynne Powell (chairman), Ed Taylor, Ken Harding, Cameron McKenzie, Basil Peters, Bernadet Ratsoy, Fleming Sondergaard

**Education and Student Affairs Committee:** Bernadet Ratsoy (chairman), Ken Harding, Rick Frey, Hilda Rizun

**Finance and Personnel Committee (formerly separate committees):** Basil Peters (chairman), Jake Abrahams, Rosemary Basham, Patrick Lett, Wynne Powell

**Facilities Committee:** Cameron McKenzie (chairman), Fred Randall, Tom Simons, Fleming Sondergaard

**Audit Committee:** Fleming Sondergaard (chairman), Patrick Lett, Wynne Powell, Ed Taylor

**Ad Hoc - College Liaison Committee:** Ty Colgur (chairman), Hilda Rizun, Fleming Sondergaard

Another change implemented by the Board was to their regular monthly meeting time. As of September, Board meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. instead of late in the afternoon. The next meeting is scheduled for:

9:30 a.m.

Tuesday September 13  
Boardroom

## CHAIRMAN HAILS FROM FOREST INDUSTRY

Appointed in June, new Board of Governors chairman Ed Taylor is Comptroller of Crestbrook Forest Industries Ltd. in Cranbrook.

A member of the Board for the past five years, his experience as an accountant served him well in his capacity as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Born in 1942, Taylor graduated from John Oliver High School in Vancouver and L.V. Rogers High School in Nelson. He obtained his CGA in 1968 and has worked for Crestbrook Forest Industries for the past 14 years.

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Chairman:

**Edward Arnold Taylor, C.G.A.**  
Comptroller  
Crestbrook Forest Industries Limited  
Cranbrook

### Vice Chairman:

**Wynne Powell, Dipl.T. (Hons), C.G.A.**  
Vice President, Marketing & Retail  
Technical Group  
London Drugs Limited  
Richmond

### Members:

**Jake Abrahams**  
Clearbrook Realty  
Clearbrook

**Rose-Mary L. Basham, B.A., LL.B.**  
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Barristers & Solicitors  
Vancouver

**Tyrone G. Colgur, B. Comm. LL.B.**  
Hislop & Co.  
Barristers & Solicitors  
Cranbrook

**Rick Frey**  
United Fishermen & Allied Workers'  
Union  
Campbell River

**Kenneth Frederick Harding**  
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International Union of Operating  
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St. Paul's Hospital  
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**Hilda Rizun**  
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Finning Ltd.  
Vancouver

**Secretary to the Board:**  
Patricia Maertz, 432-8676

## BCIT WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS

A student orientation committee chaired by Student Services director Val Karpinsky and comprised of Student Association reps and BCIT staff members is preparing to welcome a new influx of students next week.

The week of Tuesday, September 6 is orientation for these students and a smile and helpful attitude from staff will help get them off to a good start. "Ask Me About BCIT" buttons are available from Community Relations (432-8398) and Student Services (432-8446).

## WHO BORROWED THE KNIFE?

Will the lady who borrowed the bone cutting knife from the retail meat store on Wednesday, August 24 please return it as soon as possible. It belongs to a student who will have to purchase a new one.